

Music Genres

Jazz Music

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Jazz music originally came from the African-American community in the late 1800s and early 1900s in New Orleans, which is a city in Louisiana, America. Jazz music is known as America's classical music and is a major form of expressive music in America.

Subject: Geography (Lesson 1)

Activity Outcome: To understand what New Orleans is like.

Explain: Use this link

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/New-Orleans/605938#>

to find out what New Orleans is like. Answer the questions on page 2.

Subject: Geography (Lesson 2)

Activity Outcome: Construct a map.

Explain: Use the maps on pages 3 and 4 to first locate North America, then see where New Orleans is (remember that New Orleans is a city in the state of Louisiana) before finally seeing what Louisiana is like.

A Year Four skill is to be able to construct (make) a map of a place by sketching it, concentrating on the space, size and boundaries (where one place starts and another ends). Look at the maps of America and Louisiana on page 4 and have a go at constructing your own map of these locations. Focus carefully on their shapes, sizes and boundaries.

Subject: Music (Lesson 3)

Activity Outcome: Understand what jazz music is made up of.

Explain: Listen to some of the New Orleans Jazz tracks from

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U61BORipCoI>

Help on music definitions can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8>

Complete the sheet on page 5.

Subject: Music (Lesson 4)

Activity Outcome: Play some music instruments

Explain: Use this website (it's best on Chrome)

<https://www.virtualmusicalinstruments.com/> to play some musical instruments online. If you're lucky enough to have real instruments at home, then play those.

With these instruments, what do you notice about the pitch and duration of the notes you play? Can you get a member of your household to help you create a small part of a jazz piece with some texture or rhythm?

Lesson 1—Geography

All about New Orleans in Louisiana!

- 1) Which river is New Orleans next to?
- 2) Name two different cultures that have influenced people's lives in New Orleans.
- 3) When is the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival held?
- 4) What, exactly, is **gumbo**?
- 5) When does the Carnival Season begin?
- 6) Name two different things that the New Orleans economy relies on.
- 7) True or false: New Orleans was founded in 1817. ('Founded' means the place 'became' or was named as New Orleans).
- 8) What did Hurricane Katrina do to New Orleans?

Challenge Extension: Can you research the New Orleans flag? What does it look like? Does it have any meaning?

Lesson 2—Geography

Mapwork





Lesson 3—Music

What can you hear?

Pitch: How high or low the notes are

What is the pitch like?

Rhythm: The pattern of sounds

What is the rhythm like?

Texture: The layers of sound created by instruments that play together or separately

What is the texture like?

Duration: How long each note is played for

What is the duration like?